

THEY DEFEND THEM.

Police Commissioners Excuse the Existence of Disorderly Houses.

THEY DALLY WITH THE EVIL.

Taking 25 Apices From the Unfortunate Women as a Quasi License and May That's the Only Way to Do—Mayor and Schoolboard on the Subject.

The warfare on the disorderly houses has opened up in earnest and the best people of the city are determined that the public places shall be closed. It is hardly probable that the police will dare to longer neglect their duty in the face of popular indignation, which is now thoroughly aroused. Mayor Harrison is doing all he can to see that these places are closed and he has allies in the influential people in the city. He talked to a JOURNAL reporter today who asked:

"Do you think these disorderly houses can be driven out of the city?"

"They can and will be," replied he. "With the aid of the police, we have already driven out the boldest and most powerful one. The people of the city are thoroughly aroused and intensely in earnest. They believe that law is more powerful than crime and that decency is more desirable than debauchery. The police authorities, if they desired, could close all such houses in a week and drive their inmates from the city. It has been done before and can be done again. If it becomes necessary in order to rid the city of these vile places the good people will form a law and order league so powerful as to sweep the city of such places with a sweep that no one can withstand its fury. If it comes to a trial of strength between the good people of Topeka and the vile outcasts of other cities that have congregated here during the past year the conflict will be short and decisive."

"What do you think of the plea of the police that this agitation only advertises those houses and does more harm than good?" asked the reporter.

"That is the plea of the houses themselves. Their business is so disgraceful that they want decent people to let them alone. All that they ask is to be let alone. They will advertise their own business. One man said that in going to Sixth street to the U. P. depot the other evening, he was solicited three separate times by street walkers to visit their houses. If the police make that plea they are simply singing the same song that has been sung for years. No sensible person believes any such nonsense. Let them alone and they will soon become so numerous that they will demand recognition and protection as a lawful business. There is only one way to deal with them in this city, and that is to drive them out and keep them out. They do not belong here, but come from other cities, and never would come but for some assurance of protection or that they would be let alone."

Members of the School Board.

R. B. Welch, president of the school board said to a JOURNAL reporter: "Such a state of things ought not to be permitted to exist. It is the business of the officers to enforce the law and they should do it. I know it can be done for we did it. Then the police force and sheriff worked as a unit and one helped the other and such places were not allowed to live."

"Mayor Harrison is wrong to think that the school board can do more than any other citizens in closing these houses which are near the schools. The law gives us no special power and the only step would be to have the houses abated as a nuisance. The matter should be taken before a grand jury and a thorough examination made of the alleged violations of the law."

"This thing is a great disgrace and is not to be tolerated by any respectable community. I understand no attempt is being made to excuse the existence of these places and when we sit by and permit these things to go on we are parties to the violation of the law."

Jesse Shaw, a member of the school board, said: "I know nothing personally about this place alluded to on Tenth street. I heard a man say a few days ago, in talking about the state administration, that the governor, from his office, could look into a disorderly house and I suppose this is the one meant."

"Personally, I am in favor of doing all in my power to rid the city of these places just as soon as possible. If the school board can do anything it ought to be done right away, but if we have no jurisdiction then there is nothing more to say about us acting as a school board."

S. C. Miller, a member of the board from North Topeka, is indignant. He said he intended to do all he can to crush out these places and to see that they were not allowed to locate at the doors of the city schools at any rate."

A JOURNAL reporter asked Police Commissioner Young why disorderly houses were allowed to exist in the city. He denied their existence, but refused to be interviewed. "I have nothing at all to say for publication," said he.

Commissioner Kraus' Opinion.

In speaking of the triangular discussion between the mayor, the school board and the police, Police Commissioner Oscar Kraus said:

"This woman business is a very hard matter to handle with satisfaction to everyone concerned. Every town of any size in the world has them. No town has been able to get them entirely out. Our efforts to rid itself entirely of them. We have studied the question at the best thing to do is to do as we are doing. I quite agree with Mayor Harrison that the vicinity of the public schools is no place to have them, and for the past two months, to our knowledge, the women who were at the corner of Tenth and Jackson have been trying faithfully to secure a house to move into. It is not an easy matter for a woman of that reputation to find a place to live in. No owner wants that sort of a tenant. They had moved, though, before Mayor Harrison made such a fuss about it."

"Have they moved?"

"I understand that they have moved."

"Mr. Harrison's statement that there are more houses and more women of that class in Topeka today than there have been for years, is certainly without a bit of truth. The mayor is certainly misinformed. People who have been citizens of Topeka for years tell me the conditions are better today than they were ever before."

"This charge against the police that the women are paying five dollars a month each for a room, is a woman never paid five dollars to the police unless

she had been arrested. The women don't like to be dragged before the court and we have made it a rule that they put up the amount of a probable fine and forfeit it by non-appearance. The docket will show that."

"The mere fact that a woman or two women live in a house and men visit there is not sufficient evidence on which to convict a woman and fine her and where are we going to get the witnesses? It is not such an easy matter as the public imagines to convict women of that kind so long as they are orderly and sober."

"Mr. Welch is right in saying that it is the business of the police to look after these places, but he must remember that the police must have undisputable evidence before they can expect to make a successful case."

Commissioner Whitting Talks.

Police Commissioner A. B. Whitting talked freely on the subject also. He said: "I think Mr. Harrison has been very unwise in bringing this matter into print. Hardly one person in 100 that knows now of the existence of the Tenth street place knew anything about it before Mr. Harrison began to advertise it."

"Weeks ago we notified the residents of the place to move and I know they have been in search of a house ever since. Last week we told them that if they did not move by Monday they would be arrested. As a matter of fact the threat was a bluff. We couldn't arrest them for we had no evidence on which to convict them of running a disorderly house."

"Any of the neighbors would have been willing to swear out a complaint against the place as a nuisance, but we have no nuisance ordinance. We are compelled to convict people under the ordinances of the city of Topeka. More than a year ago I asked City Attorney Tillotson to present such an ordinance to the council. He did so and it was pigeon holed and finally lost. I don't know whether he ever prepared another one or not, although I asked him to do so."

"Nuisance law and if the people want places of that sort closed up they should file their complaints with the county attorney, not with the police who are powerless, until they become disorderly or we can prove specific violation of the ordinance. By a decision in the district court two women have a right to live together and receive male callers at any time they please, and still their places shall not be considered disorderly."

"I guess we have canvassed every plan under the sun in regard to this matter, and none seems better than the one we now have. It is a fact that when the women are arrested for disorderly conduct they are allowed, upon arrest, to put up, say, \$5 for their appearance and then forfeit it. For that \$5 they are given a receipt, of course. No woman in town is licensed in any way. The police have strict orders from us to enforce the laws, and to the best of our knowledge they are doing it. If anyone can prove anything to the contrary we should certainly be obliged for the information and would take quick action on it. I have asked the policemen on the beat if they have ever seen anything about the Tenth street house that would be convicting evidence and they assure me they have not."

"Mayor Harrison's statement that the houses of this kind are more numerous now than they were before is assuredly false. The city was never in better condition either as regards number or cleanliness. I think the mayor has been misinformed by some one who has talked to him about it till he believes it. I don't think Mayor Harrison is in a position to know anything about it personally."

WASHBURN NOTES.

Mr. Lowell, son of Attorney Lowell, of Holton, has entered the art department.

Miss Dennison, the new teacher in voice culture, is busy preparing to give her first musical recital in Topeka.

President McVicar is attending the meeting of the Central Congregational association in session at Paola, Kansas.

S. P. Boone came up from Paola to visit his son, Charles, who is attending the academy and also to hear McKinley.

Miss Lucy Henly, of Burlington, Kansas, has returned from a two week's visit in Colorado and entered the Freshman class.

Prof. Griffiths, of the art department, is hard at work on several beautiful designs. His class in that line are making good progress.

Carl Vrooman, an old Washburn boy, is president of the Harvard debating society. Harvard represented by Vrooman won in the Yale-Harvard debate last year.

Football has a new start. Enthusiasm runs high. Dean Lowe was elected manager, Ed Leland, captain. The line is a new one. The new men show great proficiency. Williams, of Columbus, weighs 180 pounds and has a record of 10½. Already several games are being arranged and soon Topeka people may see some good football.

The glee club met last night and elected the following officers: Prof. R. S. Washburn, music director; M. F. Gould, president of business manager; W. W. Silver, secretary and C. L. Polk, leader. Prof. A. E. Palmer, the new instructor in elocution and oratory, joined the club and will assist in all entertainments. Last Friday night Prof. Palmer gave a recital in Bethany college Lindborg, Kansas. He is a fine reader and elocutionist.

LUMBER TO EUROPE.

Kansas Provides a New Export for the Markets of the Old World.

It is not generally known that Kansas ships lumber to Europe, but such is the case, proportionate as the idea may seem that Kansas prairies supply the old world with choice lumber.

At the state fair grounds today two carloads of native lumber are being prepared for shipment to Bremen.

Lumber is all of the walnut variety for use in superior woodwork, and was grown by D. W. Rivers on his estate near Perry, Kas.

The consignment is made through Frank Parcell, the lumberman of Kansas City, who has found speculation in Kansas lumber profitable in the past few years.

6,456 CALLS FOR LIQUOR.

That's the Number the Topeka Druggists Satisfied Last Month.

As compared with those of last month in Topeka the liquor sales at the Topeka drug stores are very rather changed. The druggists of Topeka made during the month of September 6,456 sales of intoxicating liquors and made the proper returns to the probate court. In August the sales were 6,507. In September of 1893 the sales numbered 5,825.

Following is a list of the individual sales for the month just passed: D. Holmes, 77; G. W. Fied, 324; H. M. Washburn, 100; J. L. Brown, 50; M. A. Funchess, 110; W. H. Wilson, 285; R. A. Barrett, 200; G. W. Stanfield, 197; C. F. Payne, 87; L. S. Woolverton, 180; J. E. Schaeby, 235; A. H. Merrill, 102; W. D. Woodford, 145; E. B. Walker, 213; Henry Page, 289; A. J. Arnold & Son, 321; J. A. Waltmire, 145; L. D. McKinley, 238; W. R. Kennaday, 808; Lee Jones, 389; H. A. Warner, 90; M. Weightman, Jr., 124; P. M. Sheaford, 143; J. K. Jones, 239; A. T. Webb, 108; W. F. Kunz, 99; F. E. Hart, 157; W. B. Musick, 179; Rowley Bros., 854; A. W. Lacy, 298; Swift & Holliday, 859; R. W. Squires, 69; A. B. Woolverton, 187.

No fresh permits were granted during the month.

JUDGE FOOTE'S JOKE.

He Has a Reply Ready for Those Who Refer to His Past Episode.

Judge Foote, of the state board of pardons is in Topeka today and is receiving the general guffing from his friends for having his past episode.

"How's walking?" is the question generally put to him.

Judge Foote replies that he still rides in the choo-choo cars, although he is canvassing a Foote.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Companies Organized to do Business in Kansas Granted Charters.

The Wichita Chemical Cold Storage company. The directors are George M. Dickson, James Allison and D. M. Kirkbride of Wichita, H. B. Cole of Salt Lake City, and W. E. Hossett of St. Louis. The capital stock is \$30,000.

The Eastern Kansas Investment company, capital \$1,000. The principal offices are at Westphalia. Directors: F. S. Bennett and H. A. Cook of Westphalia; S. B. Rohrer of Kansas, W. J. McCall and C. J. Harsh of Tiskilwa, of Illinois.

Odell camp of Modern Woodmen No. 1,952 at Anthony. The trustees are J. C. Wyckoff, W. H. Seiss and W. D. Bickford.

The Homestead, Chase county, Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Asylum Matters.

J. L. Flint, the attendant at the insane asylum, who it was said had been discharged by Dr. McCaskey for not sharing him with the JOURNAL, that he was not discharged, but resigned of his own free will. Mr. Flint also takes occasion to say that when the JOURNAL appeared with the account of the "patients shivering" three of the boilers were running although it is true one of the boilers had been out of repair. The latter bears the appearance of having been suggested and instigated by Dr. McCaskey.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The new flambeau uniforms make the wearers look ghostly.

State Auditor Prather is recovering, but is not yet able to sit up.

The Kansas avenue parrot attracted a large crowd of country people yesterday.

People were on the streets last night with heavy overcoats on and then shivering.

A Chinese missionary, Rev. R. L. McManis, will preach at Lowman chapel tonight.

Lots of people from lots of places spent lots of money in lots of Topeka stores yesterday.

J. Ellen Foster will make her last speech in the Kansas campaign at Hamilton hall tonight.

Albert Griffin made a suffrage speech from the east steps of the state house yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Harrison says Maj. Morrill and the Republican ticket will get 5,000 majority in Shawnee county.

Sam Abbott, who drove Governor McKinley's hack yesterday, landed the four horses with extreme skill.

Several Topeka young men attended the Priests of railas demonstration at Kansas City, who need a chaperaone.

Frank Holt, deputy clerk of the U. S. circuit court, has returned from a visit with his brother in Woodson county.

A Kansas avenue business man hung out a large picture of Ex-President Harrison when the McKinley procession went by.

It is to be hoped that the committee on licenses of the city council, will be ready to report the lottery ordinance next Monday evening.

Red neckties, but not so red as two years ago, are again considered the proper thing, if the furnishing goods men are to be relied upon.

Nearly all the country people in town yesterday attended the matinee at the Topeka theatre, and applauded loud enough to be heard a mile.

A lot of tin-horn sports in town are quite agitated at the JOURNAL on account of its attitude on prize-fighting. But 30,000 other people are pleased.

A company of Topeka young men will attend the Carnival Krewe at Kansas City tonight, wearing night-shirts outside their clothes, plug hats and masks.

A lot of Republican celebrators rode out of town last night at eleven o'clock yelling like Indians. Wouldn't it have been a red hot snap for the Populist police if they could have caught them?

A gentleman who counted the number of people on the south steps of the state house while Gov. McKinley was speaking, says there were 1,618. That's as many as the Grand opera house will seat.

It was the "Maude Granger" company that lost its manager and salaries at Kansas City Sunday morning, not the Hennessy-LeRoy "Squabbles" company. It will be here Friday night as advertised.

Vanderbilt After a Canada Road.

QUEBEC, Oct. 4.—It is asserted on apparently good authority that the Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix railway will shortly be sold to Vanderbilt, who, according to rumor, is maturing a plan of a short line which would bring to New York the control of the Atlantic fast line service of the future.

Barber Ideal Oil Heaters. Kitchell & Marburg.

MAYOR DAVIS TALKS.

Kansas City's Chief Executive Speaks to a Great Crowd

AT HAMILTON HALL LAST NIGHT.

He Says Missouri Never Had as Much Reason to Be Ashamed of Herself as Kansas—Kansas People Applaud the Sentiment and Seem to Like It.

Mayor Webster Davis of Kansas City, Mo., is a striking speaker. He addressed an immense crowd at the Hamilton hall Republican rally last night for two hours with no signs of fatigue to the audience.

Mayor Davis is a Kansas by education and a Missourian by mistake. He is a man of athletic form, coal-black hair, moustache and eyes, and wore a suit of clothes that fit him. His command of language was good and his voice is as clear as a bell. His eccentricity is that his voice requires a range of about one octave in ordinary conversation, and fully two octaves in making a political speech.

At times he sang his speech with the vim of the leading man at an old Missouri camp-meeting.

Mayor Davis was given a good introduction to the audience by our James A. Troutman. He said: "Kansas City is the market for our products. It is there our grains go. It is there our cattle go. It is there our men go." Mr. Troutman was interrupted by applause but explained that he "didn't mean it that way."

When Mayor Davis began to talk the various flambeau clubs began to pour into the hall. He started to speak, but his voice was drowned by the din. "I have talked against circuses and steam calliopes," he shouted, "but I can't talk against a Topeka flambeau club."

When the noise had somewhat subsided, Mr. Davis resumed: "I was educated at the Kansas State university, and I know something of her history. I favor her resources and her people. I didn't think she would make the stain and blot on her glorious history that now makes her notorious. You used to talk about 'Poor Old Missouri,' but Missouri was never guilty of this. When the banner of Morrill and Troutman floats over the state capital then indeed will the news go abroad that Kansas is redeemed. This you must do if you love your state. You cannot afford to remain longer under Populist misrule. The trouble is not with the masses of your party, but the one-horse, rag-tag, bob-tailed, run-down, half-breed politicians who run their parties. Down with the bewiskered, sackless lot. We need more patriotism and less Populism."

Mayor Davis was almost eloquent in telling how the British manufacturers "were happy and laughed" when Mr. Wilson referred to free trade when he was banqueting by the London chamber of commerce.

"They were happy and laughed," Mayor Davis said, "because thousands of British furnaces have been started up by the Wilson bill at the expense of multiplied thousands of American workmen who have no work. Let us see if the British manufacturer will be happy and laugh after the next election when we will proclaim to the world that America is for Americans, independent of Lombard street. Let us stand up for Kansas and Missouri as against any country on earth. We can do so by voting for protection. We favor tariff reform, but we want the reform to work in our favor instead of England's. James G. Blaine's mantle has fallen on a worthy successor in William McKinley (great applause). Did any of you ever hear of either Blaine or McKinley being banqueting by the London money kings? No indeed."

"Democracy said to the workingman, 'Don't pay a quarter of a cent duty on your tin dinner buckets. Let's bring 'em in free.' The laborer said 'all right,' and he hasn't had any use for his dinner pail since. The poor devils who wore tin roosters on their hats and marched for Grover in the last campaign have eaten their roosters and have marched on to Washington. They marched to ask their old friends for relief. Instead of that they get 'durn you, keep off the grass.' These are good old Democratic days, boys. How do you like 'em as far as you've got?"

The speaker then told the old story which originated in Kansas about Missouri, merely changing it to bring Kansas into ridicule instead of Missouri:

"A sweet little girl over in Missouri had been taught to say her prayers every night. She had heard a great deal about the Kansas administration, and one night when she had said her regular prayer she added, 'Good bye, Dad, I won't see you any more for two weeks. I'm going to visit in Kansas.' I don't mean to slander Kansas. I love Kansas. I am letting the weeds grow in the streets of Kansas City because I want to help save Kansas."

Mayor Davis closed with a touching reference to the old soldiers.

The music for the occasion was furnished by four colored men who sang "Republicans Get on Board" and made a great hit. James A. Troutman made a speech while the crowd was coming in.

He showed conclusively by figures from the state treasurer's reports that the "economical" Populist administration has cost more money in every department of the state government than any year for six years under Republican control.

The attendance at the hall was very

large. In fact it could not have been much larger, for the seating and standing capacity was severely tested. It was largely secured by the torchlight parade by the local flambeau clubs. Among them were 48 mounted Republicans from Mission township, the Topeka drum corps, the North Topeka colored flambeau club, the Topeka Republican flambeau club, 64 strong. Second ward Republican club and the Scandinavian Republican flambeau club. They carried torches and made a fine showing. Kansas avenue was lined with people the whole length.

KNOWS HOW IT FEELS.

An Ex-Policeman Arrested and Brought Into Police Court.

Art Wellman, formerly of the police force, was in police court this morning. Art, it seems, from the evidence produced, wandered into Louie Charowhass' restaurant and asked Louie if he had anything stronger than hop tea. This aroused Louie's righteous anger and he scolded Art. Of course Art believes in reciprocity, so he did his share towards entertaining the crowd. The result was that Louie had Art arrested and Judge Ensminger had the Greek class up before him this morning. It was a difficult case to understand and the judge will brush the dust off his Greek grammar tonight and hand down his decision in the morning.

ALL IN NIGHT SHIRTS.

How the Kansas Traveling Men Will March at Kansas City.

The Kansas traveling men have organized to attend the "Karnival Krewe" which will be held in Kansas City tonight. All who participate in the parade will wear masks and there will be probably 100 drummers in the procession who expect to carry off the prize which is offered for the most grotesque make up.

John Wilhelm who travels for a soap company and who is well known in Topeka, is the originator of the costumes which will be worn by the traveling men. Several of the Topeka drummers will attend and wear the adopted costume.

They will be attired in plug hats and carry candles. The regulation patent leather tooth pick shoes and trousers of the latest cut will also be worn. These knights of the road will wear night-shirts over their other clothing. Many have ordered new night skirts especially for the occasion which are beautifully embroidered all over.

E. A. Mackey who travels for a drug firm said today: "The boys will wear their night shirts because they haven't any thing else to wear. There will be more than a hundred of them in the procession."

WOMEN TO HOLD PRIMARY.

San Bernardino Women Say the Day of Woman's Citizenship Is at Hand.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Oct. 4.—The women of San Bernardino are arranging to hold a primary election next Saturday to select delegates for the convention October 12. The call for the convention states that as three political parties have adopted a woman's franchise plank the day of woman's citizenship is at hand.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Charles A. Peterson, Topeka, 22

Anna Johnson, Topeka, 21

Alvin Moore, Topeka, 77

Mrs. W. Maria Murphy, Topeka, 62

Thomas L. Maginley, Shawnee Co., 22

Elva Roberts, Shawnee Co., 21

Rufus S. Neiswander, Topeka, 83

Mary B. Brainerd, Topeka, 23

LOCAL MENTION.

In the police court this morning, A. Ladan was up accused of having been drunk. He acknowledged it and was fined \$3.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon spoke at the noon Santa Fe camp meeting today. Rev. C. H. St. John of Kansas City, Kan., will address the Santa Fe shop men at their meeting Thursday, Oct. 11.

H. B. Miller, mayor of Osage City, bought 32,000 head of cattle a day or two ago, and it only took him an hour to make the deal. He bought them on the Panhandle. Texas. Mr. Miller is a brother of Bradford Miller of this city.

The Oakland, Cal. Enquirer says: Rev. A. Lemkau, pastor of the First German Methodist church, will leave today via Santa Fe route for Topeka, Kas., where he is to take charge of a church. Mr. Lemkau has made many friends and a reputation for himself as an able preacher during his sojourn in this city. His family will follow him later to his new field.

Quarantine Against Nebraska Hogs.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 4.—Great droves of hogs are being brought into Colorado from the portions of Nebraska where the crops have failed and hog cholera has broken out in several localities. Having no funds to establish a quarantine against Nebraska hogs, the state veterinary board has issued notice advising importers to isolate such animals for sixty days.

This Boy's Wheel

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SUITABLE for boys 9 to 15 years old. Special prices on all lines now in stock.

BICYCLE repairing, enameling and nickeling done.

Work and prices guaranteed. Work left at my shop will be done right and look right, because I have the facilities to do the most difficult work.

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115-117 E. SEVENTH STREET.

AT THE HOUSE IN QUESTION

Not All Moved Out of the Place That Caused So Much Trouble.

Not all of the women at the disorderly house near Jackson school have been moved away, but a packing up is going on.

In the east side of the house one of the women and her mother still live. They say they were notified by the police some time ago to move, and have not been able to find a desirable house. One of the women has removed to Wichita. On the west side of the house another woman still remains alone. A few weeks ago there were four women in the house besides the mother and little sister of one. Two of them have since left, and the one on the west side of the house claims to be too sick to move. The people on the east side had not found a house to move into at noon today, although some of their goods were standing in the hall in readiness. They say the woman next to them is plenty well enough to move.

Shot in the Leg.

W. L. Webb, formerly of Topeka, who used to be a switchman in the Santa Fe's Argentine yards, was shot in the leg by Thomas Nevin, one of which took effect. During the strike Webb lost his position and was never able to get it back again. Just before the parade he met Nevin and accused him of causing his dismissal and there was a dispute. Webb struck Nevin and Nevin fired two shots at Webb, one of which took effect. The wound is not dangerous. The police arrested Webb for assault but he was discharged and Nevin will be tried for assault with attempt to kill.

Just Found the Place